

**West York Church of the Brethren
5101 Darlington Road
York, PA 17408**

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



May 2025

"The mission of the West York Church of the Brethren is to love, nurture and build the community of Jesus Christ."



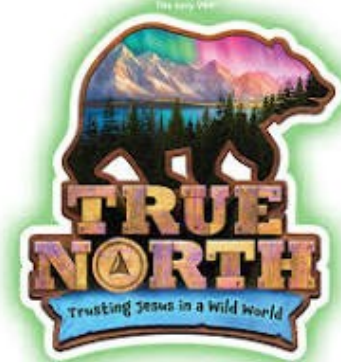
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Sunday Worship: Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:15 am

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2025 VBS

Sunday, June 22nd to
Thursday, June 26th
6 pm to 7:45 pm



We are still looking for volunteers to fill a few positions:

- Registration
- Group Leaders for ages 6-8
ages 9-12
- Kitchen - make dinner prior to VBS each day (we provide dinner for all volunteers from 5 to 5:45 pm)
- Games
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Sound Board Operator

Please contact Kayla Eshelman if you can help!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

National Day of Prayer - May 1
CEC Musical, Graduation, Silent Auction - May 2
Youth Meeting - May 4
Mother's Day - May 11
Newsletter Deadline - May 12
CEC Board Meeting - May 13
Men's Breakfast - May 17
Primary Election - May 20
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - May 21
Youth Game Night - May 23
Memorial Day - May 26
Ascension Day - May 29

DENOMINATIONAL, DISTRICT & COMMUNITY EVENTS
 (For more info on denominational events, go to www.brethren.org)



**Friends of Cross Keys Village -
The Brethren Home Community**

Spring Yard Sale/Almost New Sale
Saturday, May 31st
8 am to 12 noon
 Nicarry Meetinghouse

Annual Butterfly Release
Saturday, May 31st
10 am to 11:30 am
Cross Keys Village Pond



Hundreds of Monarch butterflies take flight before an appreciative audience, sponsored in memory or honor of a loved one. Free and open to the public. Call the Brethren Home Foundation (717-624-5208) to sponsor a butterfly.

Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
Friday, June 6th 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Cross Keys Village Pond



Everyone is invited to watch and cheer Cross Keys village team, villagers and friends as they race around our pond in short-lived vessels made of cardboard, tape, and dreams.

Gifts Discernment Team

We are looking for **one delegate** for the Annual Conference that will be held July 2-6, 2025 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

If you are interested in being our delegate, please contact

Joyce Whitcraft,
 Nathan Keefer, Michelle Hartlaub or
 Ron Horn, Jr.



Give Local York
Thursday, May 1st to Friday, May 2nd
(9 pm to 9 pm)

This is a chance to help Children's Aid Society financially and make a direct impact to the Lehman Center.

**The Werner Early Learning Childcare
Center Ribbon Cutting & Dedication**
Thursday, May 15th 5 pm
Open House - 3:30 pm to 5 pm
 636 West Poplar Street - York 17401

14th Annual Franklin County Golf Outing
June 26, 2025 1 pm to 7 pm
Chambersburg Country Club

**9th Annual Mel Markey
Memorial Golf Benefit**
August 14, 2025
Heritage Hills Resort

All three centers need paper goods - paper towels, Kleenex, wipes, toilet paper, paper plates, copying paper and construction paper. When these items are donated it saves us money because we don't have to buy them.

An updated wish list is hanging on the hallway bulletin board.

Thank you for your continued support for CAS.



GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Each month we are collecting certain items for our Food Pantry. For the month of May we are collecting **MAYONNAISE AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE**. You can place your donation in the shopping cart that is in the hallway. **THE ITEMS WE ARE REQUESTING ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE NEED THIS MONTH.**



Thanks for your help!



Due to scheduling conflicts
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
will be held on
Saturday, May 17th
8 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

May Special Offering
Our special offering for May is

"Stewards"
(Property and Grounds)

This offering is deposited to the
Equipment Replacement Fund.

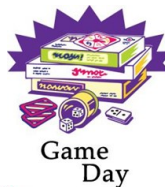
**Please use the brown envelopes on the
table in the Gathering Area.**

YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, May 4th

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Youth in middle or high school.
We will read and talk about scripture.



YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 23rd

6 pm to 8 pm

**Youth in middle
or high school.**

June Newsletter

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday
the deadline for articles for the
June Newsletter is

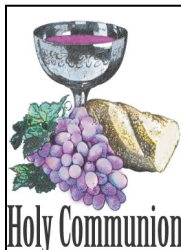
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Thank you.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

We are looking for any
high school or college
graduates, as we wish to
recognize them in June.
Please give the names to
Linda Zumburum if you
know of anyone
graduating.



If you missed Love Feast and
Communion and would like to be
served Home Communion (or if
you know someone who would
like Home Communion), please
inform Barb or Pastor Godfrey
so arrangements can be made to
serve you Communion.

Silent Auction

The CEC is in need of **“theme baskets”** for **our Silent Auction**, which is held prior to the Spring Musical on May 2nd. Maybe you have a friend or family member who has a business who would give a gift as a tax credit, which is a great way for them to advertise their business. Other donated items for the auction could include: gift cards, new toys, jewelry, baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies, etc.), flowers, art work or any other creative ideas that would benefit our school.

The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 6:45 pm. Items will be available for pick-up after the musical.

Call Barb in the church office if you have anything to donate or if you have any questions.



2025 YARD SALE Friday, August 1st Saturday, August 2nd

Yard Sale donations are now being accepted in the basement of the office.

Starting May 23rd donations can be dropped off at the church in the old nursery (1st room on the right at the preschool entrance).

Also, it would be great help to **mark the sizes of comforters and sheets.**



INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **“Seeking Amazing Grace” Adult Sunday School class** continues to grow- numerically, but even more importantly- spiritually. In recent months we have done a detailed study of the books of Revelation, Daniel and Isaiah - all books of prophecy. We are currently doing a study of the **gospel of John**. We want to invite anyone/everyone to join us each Sunday morning as we explore this exciting account of the life and ministry of Jesus. You do not need to be a Bible scholar to be a part of this class - only someone interested in learning more about God’s Word. Please join us and check it out.

We also continue to discuss the Wired Word - a study of current top news stories and how Scripture applies to the stories and we as Christians need to respond to the events in the news each day.

Bible study is one of the most important aspects of a growing, maturing faith and the informal, friendly, informative arena of Sunday School is a great venue for making God’s Word come alive for us. Please check us out and join us for a while.

Care and Share Women’s Bible Study meets virtually on Mondays at 7 pm, led by Judith Wallace. They will be starting a new study called **“The Parables of Jesus.”**

You are invited to join one or more of these groups for Bible Study!!





“But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.”
Colossian 3:8

A zoo in Germany has a bat cave through which visitors can walk, which is what Elina Ofele did with her son. When she returned home, Elina found a bat in her clothing! Thankfully, zoo officials responded quickly to Elina’s frantic phone call, and were able to return the creature to its home in the cave.....while Elina was able to slowly calm her nerves.

As we walk through this dark world, the sins lurking around us try to stow away in our hearts and minds. We develop bad habits without even realizing it at first. Fatigue can increase our irritability. A few clicks on the computer can poison our minds. A busy schedule can disrupt regular church attendance and Bible study. A slip of the tongue can damage our testimony.

Recognizing sin is the prelude to receiving God’s grace. Are any “bat habits” stowing away in your life? Confess them, and ask for God’s help in forsaking them. He specializes in helping us overcome temptations. If you need to make changes in your life, start today. Look into the mirror of God’s Word and see clearly our true reflection, as God’s Word reveals them to us.

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S MAY SERMONS

May 4th	- <i>Let’s Go Fishing</i>	- John 21:1-14
May 11th	- <i>Like a Mother’s Love</i>	- John 10:27-30
May 18th	- <i>In Jars of Clay</i>	- 2nd Corinthians 4:5-12
May 25th	- <i>Help for Troubled Hears</i>	- John 14:23-29



A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ w_____o f_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

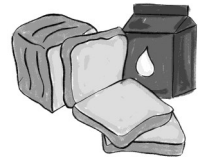
Proverbs 31:30, NIV



Make these sweet sandwiches
for a Mother's Day tea party.

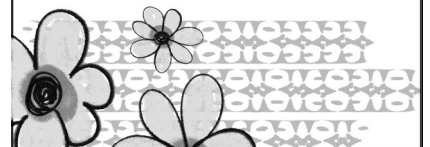
What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



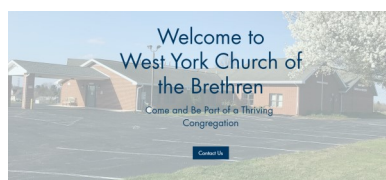
Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, husband, women, Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV



Grace Delivered

Our monthly coin collection benefits the
Nashville Fire Company
with cases of water and

Gatorade. We are asking you to consider bringing your loose pocket change and extra coins to drop into our offering cans on the first Sunday of each month. If offerings will permit, we will add additional fire companies as we go along.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!!
WWW.WESTYORKCOB.ORG

Sign Up

To sponsor the bulletin, newsletter and flowers for on the altar in 2025.

Sign-up sheets are hanging on the Informational Bulletin Board in the hallway by the coat rack.

Interested in giving to West York Church Electronically? Scan the QR Code.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Any questions, contact Jake Hershey.



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**THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN FROM NEWBORN THROUGH
3 YEARS OLD. IT IS LOCATED IN THE
ROOM OFF OF THE GATHERING AREA.**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

meets during the
worship service each week.

CHILDREN'S STORY

**If anyone feels led to share a
Children's Story during the Worship
service please let Pastor Godfrey or
Barb in the office know.**

Serving our Congregation in May

Acolytes

4
11
18
25



Greeters

4 Chuck Wallace
11 Kathy Hinkle
18 Cheryl Fahringer
25 Darlis Parker



Power Point Operator

4 Nathan Keefer
11 Larry Marshall
18 Bill Zumbrum
25 Dave Highlands



Sound Board Operator

4 Ed Jacobs
11 Merl Keefer
18 Gary Hake
25 Larry Marshall



Nursery Caregivers

4 Nicole Grove
11 Genie Grove
18 Vivian Hubbell
25 Jessica McIntyre



Hospitality Table

4 Susan Parente
11 OPEN
18 OPEN
25 OPEN



May

1 Dakota Guevara
2 Linda Fulmele
5 Ron & Cheryl Buser
Bill & Linda Fulmele
6 Kayla Eshelman
7 Harper Miller
15 Barbara Jo Brown
17 Kendra Hughes
18 Sandy Foor
Bill & Wendy McDowell
19 Merry Miller
20 Ruth Hershey
24 Jake Hershey
25 Harvey Kunkle
28 Heather Coonan
29 Pastor Dick Godfrey
31 Kayla Greiner



The Wellspan Spiritual Care and Education Department wants to let our church know when a member is in the hospital. **PLEASE identify our church at registration and admittance into the hospital.** According to HIPAA regulations, if you provide this information to the hospital, our church may be notified of the admission.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, May 21st is our monthly Day of Prayer for our Children and Youth. Please find time during this day to pray for our Church's Ministry to Children and Youth.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the church, please fill out a prayer card (found in the gathering area) and give it to the pastor. You may also call Barb in the church office.

West York COB Prayer Line

What Is It?

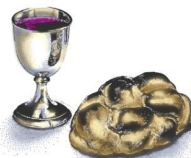
It is an avenue for ALL of us to use! It is not for sharing prayer concerns, but for calling to hear what prayer concerns have been shared. It is a recorded message that Barb, our church secretary, updates a couple times a week to keep the congregation informed of those who need prayer. The number to call is **717-792-9260 (Option "5")**.

If you have a prayer concern to be added to the prayer line, please call the church office.

God Bless You for Praying!



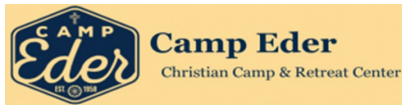
Thank you WYCOB! What an amazing and encouraging supporter you are of my ministry work and the mission of Jubilee. We are so blessed by your faithful giving. If ever in the Lebanon area - night or day - would love to give my WY family a tour!
Matt Hershey



Bread & Cup Service
Sunday, June 1st
10:15 am
Worship Service

For pastoral emergencies:
Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.





Camp Eder and SOPA District
MEN'S OUTDOORSMAN DAY

Saturday, May 3rd 8:30 am to 3 pm
 \$50 - Lunch included
 Clay Shoot and Fishing
 Devotional Theme:
 Provide and Protect - Genesis 2:15

A day filled with adventure! Together, we'll delve into the world of clay shooting, mastering gun safety protocols and honing our skills to become proficient clay target shooters. Register at CampEder.org/Registration or call the camp office at 717-642-8256. See the poster hanging on the hallway bulletin board.

CAMP CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 10th 8 am to 3 pm
 Wood splitting, leaf cleanup, & other tasks to keep our grounds looking great.
 Lunch will be provided

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 17th 10 am to 3 pm
 Experience the beauty & serenity of Camp Eder! Tour lodges, RV sites, & our new activity area, or hike scenic trails through wooded hills and streams.

This is a great day to learn more about summer camp and the fun your kids will have while here.

SUMMER CAMP

**Registration is now open for
 Summer Camp 2025.**

Summer Camp lasts 5 weeks beginning June 15th thru July 25th. Some of the camps being offered are:
 Rock climbing ~ Wet and Wild ~ Outback Horse (New!) ~ Camp All Out ~ Barefoot Dream It Build It ~ Culinary ~ Puddle Jumpers AT Trekkers ~ C&O Biking Trip (New!)

To register go to: www.campeder.org

Southern PA District Church of the Brethren
 Women's Camp at Camp Eder
 June 2nd & 3rd, 2025

**Guest Speaker is Judy Cline,
 Operational Director of the Capital
 Area Pregnancy Center in Camp Hill.**

Brochures and registration forms are hanging on the hallway bulletin board. The church will once again pay one half of the registration cost.

Please return your registration form, along with your check for ONE HALF the registration cost to Barb in the Church Office no later than MAY 11th. For day people only make your CHECK PAYABLE TO WEST YORK COB. If you are staying overnight, send your full amount and the church will reimburse you. Make your check payable to SOUTHERN PA DISTRICT COB (for ladies staying overnight only).
 Contact Barb in the church office if you have any questions.

DISTRICT

The SO PA District Board meets on a regular basis throughout the year, and visitors are welcome to attend these meetings and bring their joys and concerns of their home congregations. If you would like to see firsthand how the Board conducts the business of the District, plan to attend the meetings listed below, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

May 17 - Waynesboro COB
 July 19 - Gettysburg COB
 October 11 - Free Spring COB

